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Change is hard, isn't it? Especially for us Lutherans. There's a joke that asks, "How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb?" And the answer: "Change? Did somebody say change?"

This is my final Messenger article as your Lamb of God Preschool director. It is very bittersweet for me. It's been a decade of much joy. It has been a sweet, safe space. As a congregation you have supported me and the preschool wholeheartedly with your prayers, service, and donations, and for that I'm so very thankful. But I also firmly believe in following the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and God has impressed upon my heart that it's time to move on. There's a new chapter to be written. Believe me, I asked Him if He was sure. And every step of the way God has said, "Trust Me." There has been much prayer and a few tears. The transition to closing the preschool will not be without its challenges. But there are new ministries and opportunities just waiting for God's perfect timing. He knows how our building space can be used. He also knows how each one of us can best serve him. I am already enjoying my new position in a part-time capacity, and I have been looking for opportunities to share God's love with others in this new place.

Change is hard, but we can be thankful that we have a God who does not change. He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. He is with us no matter what we are going through in life. And because of Jesus, He promises to go with us to the very gates of heaven.

You know I love hymns, and so I leave you with the words of Paul Gerhardt (LSB #737):
"Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain; for God, the source of everything, your portion shall remain. His wisdom never plans in vain nor falters nor mistakes. All that His counsels may ordain a blessed ending makes. Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, and trust His guiding love; then like a rock your peace shall stand here and in heaven above."

God's blessings,
Kay Storck
Director of Lamb of God Preschool

Church Events

May guideline changes continue relating to coronavirus distancing: Families to stay together distancing 6 feet from others.

Sun	8:00 am	Eucharist
May 9	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Wed	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
May 12	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation
Thur	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
May 13	7:30 pm	Elders Board Mtg
Sun	8:00 am	Eucharist
May 16	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Eucharist
	11:30 am	CYF Board Mtg
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Clas (ZOOM)

Returning to God, Tithes and Offerings During the Pandemic



Remember Your Offerings

As you know the church's ministry and expenses continue even though services and programming are a bit different. You can still give your tithes and offerings by mail. You can set up your bank account to give electronically or you can utilize MyEOffering. There is also a link to MyEOffering on our web page, on the top menu. Our web page is: www.PacificHillsLutheran.org. You can sign up at <https://members.myeoffering.com> Your church needs people like you to continue their regular patterns of giving despite virus-related closures to maintain current ministry. Consider the following passages: **2 Corinthians 9:7** - Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **Malachi 3:10** - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **Proverbs 11:24** - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. **Luke 6:38** - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund to address community assistance. During this pandemic, PHLC offers **HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

**"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love."
(John 15:10a)**

Online Worship Services: Go to our website www.pacifichillslutheran.org for more information.

If you can offer to help in any way in the Church Office with bulletins, birthday card preparation, computer data entry, etc., please contact Kim in the church office!

Sunday Worship Notes -- The Elders and Pastor recommend that everyone wear some kind of face covering in worship. Also, there are no children's messages on Sunday mornings, due to social distancing requirements. Thank you.

Bob Vandervort is offering a **Bible Class on the book of Joshua via Zoom every Sunday evening** from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. Email him at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone welcome!

Directors mail boxes are now located in the new Church workroom 119!

Holy Communion via Zoom: This service is currently offered each Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM. This does not replace Sunday morning worship with Holy Communion, but it does provide an option for those that cannot attend regularly due to the pandemic. Please contact Church Office for more information.

The **Altar Flowers for May 9, 2021 Services** were given to the Glory of God by Bill Wagner!



NOW HIRING—Pacific Hills Lutheran Church is currently hiring for the **Part Time position of Custodian**. Interested parties please contact the Church Office at 402-391-9625.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be 5:30pm, July 26-30, 2021. **MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!**

Tai Chi offered every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in Acker Hall. Bring your mask!

This Sunday a Door Offering will be collected following services to assist with the funeral expenses for Nyahon Thuok, daughter of Peter Chol and Sarah Puk. Nyahon, a 22 year old UNO student, died tragically on April 13. Her funeral services were held May 1st. We continue to keep this family in our prayers.